

# Police Investigate Serious Crash on Hatherly Road

A 26 year-old man from Darien, Connecticut faces multiple charges after an early morning crash near the intersection of Gannett Road and Hatherly Road on Sunday, September 20, 2009. Scituate Police received the report of a motor vehicle crash at that location at approximately 12:45 a.m. and responded.

The initial officer on-scene observed an SUV off the road northeast of the intersection resting on its passenger side with a single occupant suspended by his seatbelt. The vehicle was heavily damaged, and the officer crawled into the vehicle to check for any other occupants and to calm the agitated operator until Emergency Medical personnel could safely extricate him from the vehicle. Due to his injuries, the driver was transported to South Shore Hospital. Investigation revealed that the vehicle, a 2003 BMW X5, had been northbound on Hatherly Road. Witnesses reported that it was traveling at an extremely high rate of speed. The vehicle passed through the intersection and left the roadway, striking a Speed Limit sign, which was propelled into a tree. It then struck a wire support for a utility pole, a stone wall and became airborne damaging vegetation and a mailbox. At this point it appears to have flipped several times and came to rest where the officer observed it, over 150 feet from where it went off the road. Pieces of the vehicle were strewn along its path, as was debris from the stonewall and other objects that were struck.

The driver, Samuel J. Henneberry, will answer to charges of Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Negligently to Endanger, a Marked Lanes violation and Speeding.